

HB 164 -- OPERATION OF CERTAIN TRUCKS

SPONSOR: Kolkmeier

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 6 to 4.

This bill repeals the provisions prohibiting a truck registered for a gross weight of over 48,000 pounds from being driven in the far left-hand lane of a highway, freeway, or expressway in an urban area with three or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction except in specified situations.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the current law leads to unsafe traffic conditions and traffic jams. At some interchanges, it is impossible for truckers to safely comply with the law.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kolkmeier; Dan Althoff; James Marcum; Michael Dale Katschman; Missouri Dump Truckers Association; and Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.